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PARLIAMENT HOUSE
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Mr CR Houghton-Allen
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Dear Mr Houghton-Allen,

On behalf of the Federal Government, I would like to congratulate you on the award of your *Anniversary of National Service 1951-1972 Medal*. It is both a physical reminder of your service to the Nation and an enduring remembrance of the heartfelt appreciation of the Government and your fellow Australians for that valuable service.

The *Anniversary of National Service 1951-1972 Medal* commemorates the 50th anniversary of the introduction of post-World War II national service. Today, the two periods of post-World War II national service are remembered as significant and valued events in Australia's history and development as a nation. Indeed, during the twenty-one year period that covered the two schemes, 187 national servicemen made the ultimate sacrifice for their country, while approximately 1500 were wounded during their service.

I would also like to use this opportunity to encourage you to contact your local Federal Member or Senator to arrange for the formal presentation of your medal. Presentation of your medal by a representative of Government will provide an appropriate occasion for your family, friends, and local community to express their gratitude for the service rendered by national servicemen.

You may find it useful, if you have the facility, to visit the Australian Electoral Commission (<http://www.aec.gov.au>) or Australian Parliament House (<http://www.aph.gov.au>) internet sites for contact details of your local Federal Member or Senator. Alternatively, you may find the information in your local White Pages Directory.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Danna Vale".

DANNA VALE MP